

A Note from Our Pastor

*“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find;
 knock, and it will be opened to you.
 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds,
 and to the one who knocks it will be opened.”*
 -Jesus

Prayer changes things. And one of those things is US!

The idea for our Prayer Walk came from our Mission and Evangelism Ministry Team meeting. When we set the date for the last Saturday in February, we had no clue it would be the prettiest day in 2021 year to date. 70 degrees and clear skies. At times, we joked about having to find the shade. About 25 of us gathered outside the church building... a diverse group—the youngest was in a stroller and I won’t give numbers for the oldest. Pastors from two other churches in town even joined us. We began by reading Jesus’ words above. The plan was simple—walk in our community, staying open to the Spirit, and ASK, SEEK, and KNOCK. Little did we know the changes that would happen in us!



As we departed, we split into three groups: one went down Main Street and prayed for the High School and school system; another drove to the Wall St. Community, a Habitat site, and Rec Complex; and the third (my group), walked across the footbridge behind the back of the church property and into the Haynesville Community.



I’ll speak for my group, I was struck by the view of our church from the neighborhood behind our property. Of course, everything is oriented toward Main St.—our entrance—which makes sense. But it never dawned on me the message it sends to a community who sees the “back” of our building. We reflected and prayed. We thought about the way the bell rings through the neighborhood every hour, and the way the Worship on the Lawn praises choruses ring through the

neighborhood too. One of the walkers, who also happens to be a sign maker, was moved to ask, “What if I make a welcome sign to mount near the bridge?” Prayer changes us.

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Weekly Worship

Every Sunday

9:00 Worship Service Outside on the Church Lawn and Facebook Live

11:00 Facebook Video Available

11:00 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 11
5:30 SPF Ministry

Monday, March 15
3:00 Visitation Ministry
6:00 Bicameral Worship & Session Meeting

Saturday, March 20
8:00-12:00 Spring Cleanup

Sunday, March 28
9:00 & 11:00 Worship
Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 1
Maundy Thursday
6:15 Communion Worship Service

Sunday, April 3
Resurrection of Our Lord
9:00 & 11:00 Worship

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We also encountered unoccupied apartment buildings, in praying for those without affordable housing, we pondered what could be as we seek the peace of our city. Prayer changes us.

The team walked to the High School got up close and laid hands on the actual building. One of those walkers reflected,

“I walked with a group of four through the Berkeley High School campus praying for the safety, emotional well-being, spiritual well-being, and education of the students. As we prayed for the students, we laid hands on the buildings, classrooms, and athletic busses that facilitate learning and activities. We also prayed that God would give wisdom to school leaders and administrators as they set policies to better our kids. We prayed for peace and endurance for the teachers and staff. We prayed over the cafeteria and I was reminded of the kids who really need daily meals provided by the schools. In those moments of prayer, I felt God’s very strong presence.”

He added, “The prayer walk was much more powerful than I imagined.” Prayer changes us.

Another walker commented on the joy she felt as LaNelle (one of our youngest “walkers”) would shout “Amen!” from her stroller at the end of every prayer. Prayer changes even the youngest of us.

The Wall St. team was able to pray over ball fields, the Community Center, and even stumbled onto a Habitat for Humanity Site Build. Another one of those “God’s-perfect-timing” things: the weekend of our Habitat for Humanity Special Offering, and the walkers encountered a Habitat worksite (see pictures). We prayed for God’s transformation, and used prayer to transform us.

I have a feeling this was the first of many Prayer Walks. So, please don’t suffer from FOMO (fear of missing out), there will be more opportunities. And you can always pray from home if you’re unable to physically join us. For example, as I found out later that day, my dad—all the way back in Tennessee—had been praying for our walk.

God is at work in this world, and prayer is a great way to join Him!

In Christ, Timothy

Minutes in a Minute

On Monday, February 15 the Session of First Presbyterian Church:

- Opened with devotion and prayer led by Elder David Brown
- Approved minutes from the January Session meeting
- Approved the 2020 Statistical Report prepared by Sally Harvey

The next Session meeting will be Monday, March 15 at 6pm.

Bicameral Worship and Reflection

Both elders and deacons will gather for worship and reflection
at 6pm on Monday, March 15.

The Session meeting for elders only, will follow this time of prayer and planning.

Mid-Week Lenten Worship Wednesday at 12:30pm Online

One of the highlights of the year is the community-wide midweek Lenten services. Due to Covid, this is now the second year that we will not be able to participate in this special time. In order to “fill that gap,” on Facebook Live every Wednesday, FPC will be streaming a brief mid-week Lenten worship service. It will be a time of prayer, scripture reading, and reflection. We will upload the video to YouTube later in the day. We’ll see you at 12:30pm every Wednesday during Lent .

Special Services to Remember

Palm Sunday, March 28— 9:00am and 11:00am Worship Services

**Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Shout Hosanna as we celebrate Jesus’ Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem.**

Maundy Thursday, April 1

**A 6:15pm Communion Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall.
We will sing, pray, reflect, discuss, and celebrate the Lord’s Supper together.**

Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunday, April 3—9:00am and 11:00am Worship Services

**Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!
Join us as we gather joyfully in God’s house to celebrate
the power and the promise of the resurrection.**

Easter Lilies

If you would like to remember or honor a loved one by placing a lily in our Worship Services this Easter, please fill out this form and place in the offering plate or leave on the secretary’s desk. Lilies are \$10.00 each and checks should be made *payable to First Presbyterian Church* and designated *Lilies*. *Deadline is Friday, March 26.*



Memory of: _____

Honor of : _____

From: _____

No. of Lilies _____ **Amt. Paid:** _____

Church Wide Work Day for Outside Spring Clean-up Saturday, March 20 - 8:00 to 12:00



Main Objectives: Cut the grass for the first time of the year, weed eat, spray round-up, broadcast fire ant prevention, prune/shape shrubs, rake leaves out of children's playground area, and remedy some erosion issues along the west side ditch (bring old bricks, filled sandbags or bags of gravel if you have them laying around).

Things That Will Already Be On Site: Church riding mower, church blower, church weed eater, church gas hedge pruners, church wheelbarrow, church spreader, church backpack sprayer, fire ant prevention, and two 5-gallon water coolers.

Things To Bring: Gas pruners, hand pruners, loppers, 6-foot ladder, side walk edger, tine rake, shovel, mower, mower trailer, weed eater and string, blower, 50:1 fuel, oil, non-ethanol fuel, spreader, gloves, dust mask, safety glasses, wheel barrels, leaf bags, tarp, and all the young people you can find.



If You Do Not Enjoy Yard Work: We need some volunteers to cook hot dogs and provide water/refreshments for the workers—Especially around lunch time. So, encouragement and support is definitely welcome.

Any questions or for more information, contact Sam Brock at 843-697-3176.

Things Are A Changing

We are in the process of creating a new directory that will come from our new software "Breeze." It is taking a little longer than we had thought, but we are on it.

- If you are no longer using your telephone land line and only using your cell phone number *please let us know.*
- If you have changed your e-mail address, *please let us know.*
- We will be sending out offering statements this month through e-mail. We will not be mailing them, unless you request it. This process will not be perfect at first, but we will get there. This will save the church hundreds of dollars in postage.

Changes are never easy, but we will get there. Thank you for your patience!

In the love of Jesus Christ, Sally, Church Secretary

**Our Mission: Making disciples who reach UP to God,
IN to one another, and OUT to the world!**

We've all grown up reading Jesus' miracles—we can describe the scenes, name the characters, act out the stories.

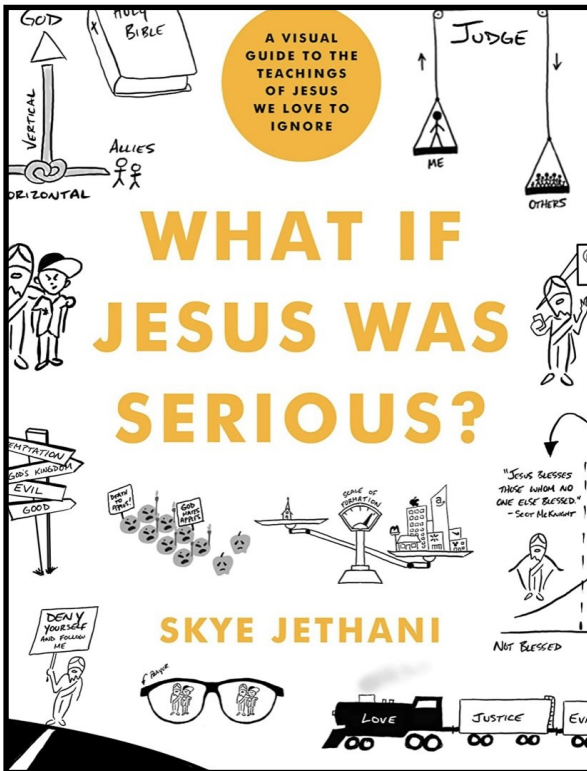
But what about His teachings??

The youth have begun studying Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. The past two weeks, we've used play dough to engage, not just our minds, but our hands and hearts as we've tried to answer tough questions...

"Does Jesus really expect us to live out and obey His commands?"

"Who is really blessed?"

What is the Kingdom of God, really?
And when and where do we arrive?



Our Mission:
Making disciples of the next generation who reach UP to God, IN to one another, and OUT to the world!

We extend Christian sympathy to Nancy Holcombe and her family. Nancy's beloved husband, Roger Michael Holcombe, passed away on Saturday, February 13, 2021.

We also extend Christian sympathy to Becky Devereaux and her family. Becky's brother, Henry Baggett, passed away on Monday, February 15, 2021.

Bulletins in a Box
 Sunday Bulletins for the 9:00 Worship Service are placed in a plastic box under the carport for your convenience each Friday.

Upper Room Devotionals for January and February are available for you under the church carport in a plastic box for easy pickup. They are also in the church on the table outside the church office.



March

- 4 Jeff Weathers
- 5 David Harris
- 6 Haley Harrelson
- 7 Rebecca Riley
 Nich Simmons
 Josh Simmons
- 11 Addie Rucker
- 13 Dorothy Miller
 Buddy Bonds
 Scott Bell
 James Brogdon
- 15 Bob Mitchell
 Jill Thornton
- 16 Geoff Atkins
- 17 Lonnie Carter
- 19 Will Rucker
- 20 Bob Partlow
- 21 Shawn Shuler
 Sam Stehmeyer
- 23 Jimmy Livingston
 Martha Miller
- 24 Saralyn Crowell
 Jared Jordan
- 25 Daniel Lee
 Jane Ussery
- 27 John Spencer



Helping Hands of the Presbyterian Women Ministry

— If you would like to be part of our ministry that provides meals to our members that have been in the hospital, lost a loved one, suffering from a long term illness or a homebound member, please give Elaine Hewitt a call. This ministry is divided into six groups of people, so you would be required to help with meals on a monthly rotating basis, twice a year. If this is your calling, we have a place for you. You can reach Elaine at 843-825-2074 and she can tell you more.



Please remember to give to our food pantry. The Covid Pandemic has a lot people out of work. We can use any non-perishable food items. They will be gratefully accepted. If you wish to make a monetary donation, we can do the shopping for you. There is a GREAT need in our community and anyone that comes to our doors at this time will receive food.
 Thank you, Doris Partlow

Commitment Report	Budget for 2021	\$443,620.00
	<u>February 28</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budget Offering	\$ 11,219.20	\$ 64,420.81
Weekly Budget Requirements	\$ 8,531.00	\$ 76,779.00

March 2021

First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday 9:00 Worship Service on the Lawn 10:10 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship Service in sanctuary</p>	<p>1 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Bicameral Worship and Reflection & Session Meeting</p>	<p>2 9:00 Home School Coop 11:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare</p>	<p>3 11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:30 Face Book Live Lenten Devotion</p>	<p>4 5:30 SPF Ministry</p>	<p>5 </p>	<p>6</p>
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<p>3rd Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>15 3:00 Visitation Ministry 6:00 Bicameral Worship and Reflection & Session Meeting</p>	<p>16 9:00 Home School Coop 11:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare</p>	<p>17 11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:30 Face Book Live Lenten Devotion</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 9:30-3:00 Berkeley High School Blood Drive at the Well 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>20 8:00-12:00 Outside Spring Cleanup 4:00 Willis/Tedder Wedding </p>
<p>4th Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 9:00 Home School Coop 11:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare</p>	<p>24 11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:30 Face Book Live Lenten Devotion</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>5th Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 9:00 Home School Coop 11:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Griefshare</p>	<p>31 11:00 Prayer Ministry 12:30 Face Book Live Lenten Devotion</p>	<p></p>		
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VOLUNTEERS
CALLING ALL HELPING HANDS

Church Work Day
Saturday, March 20 - 8:00 to 12:00

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